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Medtronic Inc.

By Janita J. Trautler

Date 4-19-02

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant(s) : | Kenneth B. Stokes, Josee Morissette                | ) |                 |
|                |  | ) |                 |
| Serial No. :   | 09/376,317   | ) |                 |
|                |  | ) | Group Art Unit: |
| Filed :        | August 18, 1999                                    | ) | XXXX            |
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| For :          | System and Method for Genetically Treating Cardiac | ) |                 |
|                | Conduction Disturbance                             | ) | Examiner:       |
|                |  | ) | Beckerleg       |
| Docket No. :   | P3669.01   | ) |                 |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 111

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2002, Paper No. 15, in the application listed above, applicants received a decision that their petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b) had been granted.

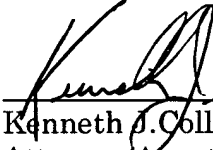
The decision on the petition indicated that the previously submitted RCE was not entered and that should the petitioner request to continue prosecution a new RCE submission should be submitted.

A call from Examiner Beckerleg was received on Friday, April 12, 2002 to discuss matters regarding the application. First the Examiner reiterated the information contained in the petition that continued prosecution would require submission of a new RCE. It was agreed upon that applicants would submit a new RCE to continue prosecution along with a two-month extension of time.

Second, it was also discussed that the prior mailings had been directed to Paul K. Legaard at Woodcock Washburn Kurtz Mackewics and Norris and not to Kenneth J. Collier, at Medtronic, Inc. The examiner indicated that there was no formal record of change of address or changes of power of attorney. It was agreed upon that applicants would submit a new power of attorney with their present address along with a revocation of the previous power of attorney. Finally, the examiner indicated that the previous submitted amendments of August 31, 2001 were entered and would be considered upon filing of a new RCE.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Beckerleg for her call to discuss the status of the application. Copy of this submission was previously faxed to Examiner Beckerleg at 703-306-9156.

Respectfully submitted,

 4-18-02  
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 111 &  
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

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Sir:

Applicants submit amendments and their reply to the office action mailed February 2, 2001, in reference to their application indicated above. In the mailed office action, the Examiner rejected pending claims 1, 4-25, 39-54 and 61. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 in light of the amendments and remarks in this response.

Applicants include with this response a petition for a four-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorize the office to